

Read the article “Grim Statistics” in *Science*, July 21, 2006, Vol. 313, pp. 288-290.

1. Who is Charles Taylor and why should he be implicated in war crimes in Sierra Leone? What is the RUF, and how is Charles Taylor related to it? Who are the ABA and Benetech? What is the TRC?
2. How many people were there in Sierra Leone (before the war)? How many people were displaced? What percentage of the population in Sierra Leone suffered from violent crimes during the civil war? Compare this to the percentage displaced.
3. Who funded the Sierra Leone War Crimes Documentation survey? Who led it?
4. This study is similar to what other study? Who conducted that study?
5. What is unique/novel about the Sierra Leone War Crimes Documentation survey?
6. What methods did the SLWCD survey use? Explain the difficulties of doing this kind of study in a place like Sierra Leone, and how they were addressed.
7. What is MSE? What are the assumptions of MSE?
8. What kind of samples were taken by the TRC and the Campaign for Good Governance? What are the problems with this method of sampling?
9. Compare the results of the SLWCD to those of the TRC.
10. Write a paragraph explaining how the survey results of the SLWCD survey might be used.